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CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Violation: December 19, 2011

- 9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).
- (b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
- (2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care to the dogs in your facility. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed:

- 1) A dog (tag #L197) with a swollen area between the toes of the right rear foot with a bloody, oozing discharge;
- 2) A dog (microchip #145723166A) with a swollen area between the toes on the left front foot that had a bloody discharge, and that was favoring that same foot; and
- 3) A dog (tag #124) had a malformed left eye with a mucus discharge and matting around the muzzle.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.11(c) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

(c) Housekeeping for premises. Premises where housing facilities are located, including buildings and surrounding grounds, must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in this subpart, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin. Premises must be kept free of accumulations of trash, junk, waste products, and discarded matter. Weeds, grasses, and bushes must be controlled so as to facilitate cleaning of the premises and pest control, and to protect the health and well-being of the animals.

You failed to keep the premises where housing facilities were located, clean and in good repair. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed numerous shelters that were not being utilized but were left to accumulate dust, dirt, and cobwebs.

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Date of Violation: March 5, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

- (b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
- (2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care for a husky (tag #181) that APHIS observed to be non-weight bearing on its right front leg.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.1(c)(1)(ii) Housing facilities, general.

- (c) Surfaces—(1) General requirements. The surfaces of housing facilities—including houses, dens, and other furniture-type fixtures and objects within the facility—must be constructed in a manner and made of materials that allow them to be readily cleaned and sanitized, or removed or replaced when worn or soiled. Interior surfaces and any surfaces that come in contact with dogs or cats must:
- (ii) Be free of jagged edges or sharp points that might injure the animals.

You failed to provide primary enclosures with interior surfaces free of jagged edges or sharp points. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed one (1) primary enclosure with deteriorating wire mesh walls with sharp wire points protruding into the enclosure. A second enclosure used for housing puppies was noted to have a metal divider which was deteriorating to the point where sharp metal edges protruded into the enclosure.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.4(b)(3) Outdoor housing facilities.

- (b) Shelter from the elements. Outdoor facilities for dogs or cats must include one or more shelter structures that are accessible to each animal in each outdoor facility, and that are large enough to allow each animal in the shelter structure to sit, stand, and lie in a normal manner, and to turn about freely. In addition to the shelter structures, one or more separate outside areas of shade must be provided, large enough to contain all the animals at one time and protect them from the direct rays of the sun. Shelters in outdoor facilities for dogs or cats must contain a roof, four sides, and a floor, and must:
- (3) Be provided with a wind break and rain break at the entrance;

You failed to provide wind breaks for dogs housed in primary outdoor enclosures. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed that many primary enclosures located in the unheated northernmost barn did not have wind breaks for the dogs housed there.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.6(a)(2)(iii) Primary enclosures. Primary enclosures for dogs and cats must meet the following minimum requirements:

- (a) General requirements.
- (2) Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they:
- (iii) Contain the dogs and cats securely;

You failed to provide primary enclosures constructed in such a manner as to contain dogs securely. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed at least one (1) primary enclosure with gaps in the wire mesh wall that were large enough to allow heads or limbs to pass through them.

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- 9 C.F.R. § 3.11(b)(2) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.
- (b) Sanitization of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles.
- (2) Used primary enclosures and food and water receptacles for dogs and cats must be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks using one of the methods prescribed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, and more often if necessary to prevent an accumulation of dirt, debris, food waste, excreta, and other disease hazards.

You failed to clean and sanitize primary enclosures in your facility. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed large numbers of the primary enclosures within your facility that were covered with heavy accumulations of hair, dirt, and grime.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.11(c) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

(c) Housekeeping for premises. Premises where housing facilities are located, including buildings and surrounding grounds, must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in this subpart, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin. Premises must be kept free of accumulations of trash, junk, waste products, and discarded matter. Weeds, grasses, and bushes must be controlled so as to facilitate cleaning of the premises and pest control, and to protect the health and well-being of the animals.

You failed to keep the premises where housing facilities were located, clean and in good repair. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed numerous enclosures that were not being utilized but were left to accumulate dust, dirt, and cobwebs.

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9 C.F.R. § **3.11(d)** Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

(d) Pest control. An effective program for the control of insects, external parasites affecting dogs and cats, and birds and mammals that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to

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promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

You failed to adopt an effective program of controlling pests, such as birds, within your facility. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed birds nesting in the facility.

Date of Violation: May 22, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.11(b)(2) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

- (b) Sanitization of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles.
- (2) Used primary enclosures and food and water receptacles for dogs and cats must be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks using one of the methods prescribed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, and more often if necessary to prevent an accumulation of dirt, debris, food waste, excreta, and other disease hazards.

You failed to clean and sanitize primary enclosures in your facility. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed large numbers of the primary enclosures within your facility that were covered with heavy accumulations of hair, dirt, and grime.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$5,286.